Congressman Jesse L. Jackson, Jr. released the following statement today upon hearing of the passing of Maynard Jackson, Jr.

Congressman Jackson said:

"This nation lost a great leader today. Maynard Jackson dedicated his life to leading others from where they were to their greatest vision of where they could be. He didn't just tell you what you could achieve. He was a stellar example. Grassroots politics, public policy, the world of finance—Maynard Jackson could do it all. His family is in my prayers. And my heart is heavy for those who, like myself, will greatly miss him."